

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

INTRODUCED BY BRANAE

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVING THE CONDUCT OF SCHOOL ON SATURDAY FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES; ~~AND~~ AMENDING SECTIONS 20-1-303, 20-3-106, AND 20-3-324, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 20-1-303, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-1-303. Conduct of school on Saturday or Sunday prohibited -- exception.** Except as provided in this section, pupil instruction ~~shall~~ may not be conducted on Saturday or Sunday. In emergencies, pupil instruction may be conducted on a Saturday when it is approved by the ~~superintendent of public instruction trustees of the school district~~ trustees of the school district in accordance with the policies adopted by the board of public education."

**Section 2.** Section 20-3-106, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-3-106. Supervision of schools -- powers and duties.** The superintendent of public instruction has the general supervision of the public schools and districts of the state and shall perform the following duties or acts in implementing and enforcing the provisions of this title:

- (1) resolve any controversy resulting from the proration of costs by a joint board of trustees under the provisions of 20-3-362;
- (2) issue, renew, or deny teacher certification and emergency authorizations of employment;
- (3) negotiate reciprocal tuition agreements with other states in accordance with the provisions of 20-5-314;
- (4) approve or disapprove the opening or reopening of a school in accordance with the provisions of 20-6-502, 20-6-503, 20-6-504, or 20-6-505;
- (5) approve or disapprove school isolation within the limitations prescribed by 20-9-302;
- (6) generally supervise the school budgeting procedures prescribed by law in accordance with the

1 provisions of 20-9-102 and prescribe the school budget format in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-103  
2 and 20-9-506;

3 (7) establish a system of communication for calculating joint district revenue in accordance with the  
4 provisions of 20-9-151;

5 (8) approve or disapprove the adoption of a district's budget amendment resolution under the conditions  
6 prescribed in 20-9-163 and adopt rules for an application for additional direct state aid for a budget amendment  
7 in accordance with the approval and disbursement provisions of 20-9-166;

8 (9) generally supervise the school financial administration provisions as prescribed by 20-9-201(2);

9 (10) prescribe and furnish the annual report forms to enable the districts to report to the county  
10 superintendent in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-213(6) and the annual report forms to enable the  
11 county superintendents to report to the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with the provisions  
12 of 20-3-209;

13 (11) approve, disapprove, or adjust an increase of the average number belonging (ANB) in accordance  
14 with the provisions of 20-9-313 and 20-9-314;

15 (12) distribute BASE aid and special education allowable cost payments in support of the BASE funding  
16 program in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-331, 20-9-333, 20-9-342, 20-9-346, 20-9-347, and 20-9-366  
17 through 20-9-369;

18 (13) provide for the uniform and equal provision of transportation by performing the duties prescribed  
19 by the provisions of 20-10-112;

20 (14) request, accept, deposit, and expend federal money in accordance with the provisions of 20-9-603;

21 (15) authorize the use of federal money for the support of an interlocal cooperative agreement in  
22 accordance with the provisions of 20-9-703 and 20-9-704;

23 (16) prescribe the form and contents of and approve or disapprove interstate contracts in accordance  
24 with the provisions of 20-9-705;

25 ~~(17) approve or disapprove the conduct of school on a Saturday in accordance with the provisions of~~  
26 ~~20-1-303;~~

27 ~~(18)~~(17) recommend standards of accreditation for all schools to the board of public education and  
28 evaluate compliance with the standards and recommend accreditation status of every school to the board of  
29 public education in accordance with the provisions of 20-7-101 and 20-7-102;

30 ~~(19)~~(18) collect and maintain a file of curriculum guides and assist schools with instructional programs

1 in accordance with the provisions of 20-7-113 and 20-7-114;  
2 ~~(20)~~(19) establish and maintain a library of visual, aural, and other educational media in accordance with  
3 the provisions of 20-7-201;  
4 ~~(24)~~(20) license textbook dealers and initiate prosecution of textbook dealers violating the law in  
5 accordance with the provisions of the textbooks part of this title;  
6 ~~(22)~~(21) as the governing agent and executive officer of the state of Montana for K-12 career and  
7 vocational/technical education, adopt the policies prescribed by and in accordance with the provisions of  
8 20-7-301;  
9 ~~(23)~~(22) supervise and coordinate the conduct of special education in the state in accordance with the  
10 provisions of 20-7-403;  
11 ~~(24)~~(23) administer the traffic education program in accordance with the provisions of 20-7-502;  
12 ~~(25)~~(24) administer the school food services program in accordance with the provisions of 20-10-201  
13 through 20-10-203;  
14 ~~(26)~~(25) review school building plans and specifications in accordance with the provisions of 20-6-622;  
15 ~~(27)~~(26) prescribe the method of identification and signals to be used by school safety patrols in  
16 accordance with the provisions of 20-1-408;  
17 ~~(28)~~(27) provide schools with information and technical assistance for compliance with the student  
18 assessment rules provided for in 20-2-121 and collect and summarize the results of the student assessment for  
19 the board of public education and the legislature;  
20 ~~(29)~~(28) upon request and in compliance with confidentiality requirements of state and federal law,  
21 disclose to interested parties all school district student assessment data for a test required by the board of public  
22 education;  
23 ~~(30)~~(29) administer the distribution of guaranteed tax base aid in accordance with 20-9-366 through  
24 20-9-369; and  
25 ~~(34)~~(30) perform any other duty prescribed from time to time by this title, any other act of the legislature,  
26 or the policies of the board of public education."  
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28 **Section 3.** Section 20-3-324, MCA, is amended to read:

29 **"20-3-324. Powers and duties.** As prescribed elsewhere in this title, the trustees of each district shall:

30 (1) employ or dismiss a teacher, principal, or other assistant upon the recommendation of the district

1 superintendent, the county high school principal, or other principal as the board considers necessary, accepting  
2 or rejecting any recommendation as the trustees in their sole discretion determine, in accordance with the  
3 provisions of Title 20, chapter 4;

4 (2) employ and dismiss administrative personnel, clerks, secretaries, teacher aides, custodians,  
5 maintenance personnel, school bus drivers, food service personnel, nurses, and any other personnel considered  
6 necessary to carry out the various services of the district;

7 (3) administer the attendance and tuition provisions and govern the pupils of the district in accordance  
8 with the provisions of the pupils chapter of this title;

9 (4) call, conduct, and certify the elections of the district in accordance with the provisions of the school  
10 elections chapter of this title;

11 (5) participate in the teachers' retirement system of the state of Montana in accordance with the  
12 provisions of the teachers' retirement system chapter of Title 19;

13 (6) participate in district boundary change actions in accordance with the provisions of the districts  
14 chapter of this title;

15 (7) organize, open, close, or acquire isolation status for the schools of the district in accordance with  
16 the provisions of the school organization part of this title;

17 (8) adopt and administer the annual budget or a budget amendment of the district in accordance with  
18 the provisions of the school budget system part of this title;

19 (9) conduct the fiscal business of the district in accordance with the provisions of the school financial  
20 administration part of this title;

21 (10) subject to 15-10-420, establish the ANB, BASE budget levy, over-BASE budget levy, additional levy,  
22 operating reserve, and state impact aid amounts for the general fund of the district in accordance with the  
23 provisions of the general fund part of this title;

24 (11) establish, maintain, budget, and finance the transportation program of the district in accordance with  
25 the provisions of the transportation parts of this title;

26 (12) issue, refund, sell, budget, and redeem the bonds of the district in accordance with the provisions  
27 of the bonds parts of this title;

28 (13) when applicable, establish, financially administer, and budget for the tuition fund, retirement fund,  
29 building reserve fund, adult education fund, nonoperating fund, school food services fund, miscellaneous  
30 programs fund, building fund, lease or rental agreement fund, traffic education fund, impact aid fund, interlocal

1 cooperative agreement fund, and other funds as authorized by the state superintendent of public instruction in  
2 accordance with the provisions of the other school funds parts of this title;

3 (14) when applicable, administer any interlocal cooperative agreement, gifts, legacies, or devises in  
4 accordance with the provisions of the miscellaneous financial parts of this title;

5 (15) hold in trust, acquire, and dispose of the real and personal property of the district in accordance with  
6 the provisions of the school sites and facilities part of this title;

7 (16) operate the schools of the district in accordance with the provisions of the school calendar part of  
8 this title;

9 (17) establish and maintain the instructional services of the schools of the district in accordance with the  
10 provisions of the instructional services, textbooks, K-12 career and vocational/technical education, and special  
11 education parts of this title;

12 (18) establish and maintain the school food services of the district in accordance with the provisions of  
13 the school food services parts of this title;

14 (19) make reports from time to time as the county superintendent, superintendent of public instruction,  
15 and board of public education may require;

16 (20) retain, when considered advisable, a physician or registered nurse to inspect the sanitary conditions  
17 of the school or the general health conditions of each pupil and, upon request, make available to any parent or  
18 guardian any medical reports or health records maintained by the district pertaining to the child;

19 (21) for each member of the trustees, visit each school of the district not less than once each school  
20 fiscal year to examine its management, conditions, and needs, except trustees from a first-class school district  
21 may share the responsibility for visiting each school in the district;

22 (22) procure and display outside daily in suitable weather on school days at each school of the district  
23 an American flag that measures not less than 4 feet by 6 feet;

24 (23) provide that an American flag that measures approximately 12 inches by 18 inches be prominently  
25 displayed in each classroom in each school of the district, except in a classroom in which the flag may get soiled.  
26 This requirement is waived if the flags are not provided by a local civic group.

27 (24) adopt and administer a district policy on assessment for placement of any child who enrolls in a  
28 school of the district from a nonpublic school that is not accredited, as required in 20-5-110;

29 (25) upon request and in compliance with confidentiality requirements of state and federal law, disclose  
30 to interested parties school district student assessment data for any test required by the board of public

1 education;

2 (26) consider and may enter into an interlocal agreement with a postsecondary institution, as defined  
3 in 20-9-706, that authorizes 11th and 12th grade students to obtain credits through classes available only at a  
4 postsecondary institution;

5 (27) approve or disapprove the conduct of school on a Saturday in accordance with the provisions of  
6 20-1-303; and

7 ~~(27)~~(28) perform any other duty and enforce any other requirements for the government of the schools  
8 prescribed by this title, the policies of the board of public education, or the rules of the superintendent of public  
9 instruction."

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11 NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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